Occasionally, certain missions are compelled to retain excess funds for brief periods due to unforeseen circumstances.

China's refusal to recognise Arunachal Pradesh as Indian territory

*346. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE :

SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Chinese Government has refused to recognise Arunachal Pradesh as part of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the context in which the refusal was communicated to India;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government's viewpoint has been communicated to the Chinese Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The resolution of the boundary question between India and China is outstanding. China illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the Eastern Sector of the India-China boundary in Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) to (e) The State of Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India. This position has been consistently and categorically conveyed to China.

Disparity in minimum wage

*347. DR. ABRAR AHMED :

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any disparity in rates of minimum wage in various regions of the country; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for variation from region to region; and